Working hours in the Government Press.

127. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a large majority of the employees of the Government Press have to work from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. and at times till 12 P. M. ;

(*b*) whether the working hours are now fixed from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. ;

(*c*) whether they are now working from 8 A. M. till night time ;

(*d*) whether they are now working even on Sundays and other holidays ; and

(*e*) whether the employees of the Government Press are now being asked by the Superintendent to keep late hours in the night and finish off the work if the same has to be done urgently ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : (*a*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) When works of any urgent nature, required to be finished within a specified date or time, are being executed in the Press, it would be necessary to carry on work from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. or even later irrespective of Sundays or holidays.

(*b*) Yes ; as a rule.

Increase in work in the Government Press.

128. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether work in the Government Press, as compared to that of the past years, has not increased very much consequent on the establishment of the present Legislature ;

(*b*) whether the printing of Council Proceedings, etc., does not take much time ;

(*c*) whether a separate section, with necessary staff, has not been formed to cope with the increased Government work ;

(*d*) whether double the quantity of work that has to be done in that section is not being carried out in the Press, in that connection ;

(*e*) whether at least a single person has been appointed in the Press as an additional hand to cope with this work ;

(*f*) whether papers connected with the departments which were not in existence before, such as the Electrical, Water Works, and the Public Health Departments, and the forms, reports, pamphlets, etc., relating to those departments besides the papers pertaining to the bicameral Legislature, the scout movement at Trivandrum etc., have not to be printed ;

(*g*) whether reports of committees frequently formed are not being written up by engaging special staffs ;

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(*h*) whether they do engage any special staff for printing such reports prepared by special staffs ; and

(*i*) whether there is any one additionally appointed in the proof-reading section during the last ten years?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : (*a*) Yes ; work has increased.

(*b*) The printing of the Council and Assembly proceedings is got through as expeditiously as possible.

(*c*) Yes. Government have opened a new Section (Assembly Section) in the Huzur Cutcherry to attend to Assembly papers.

(*d*) The nature of the work done in the Assembly Section and the Government Press on account of the Legislature is different and as such, the comparison suggested is not possible.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Each committee will have a special staff and the report is drawn up and submitted by the committee.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) No.

Pay of the employees of the Government Press in Madras and Mysore.

129. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether working hours have been fixed according to factory laws in the Government Presses of Madras and Mysore ;

(*b*) whether the employees of those Presses are being paid extra wages for over-time work ; and

(*c*) whether they are being paid one rate of wages for day work and double that rate for night work ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Yes.

Remuneration to employees in the Government Press.

130. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, before the end of 1108, the employees in the Government Press were paid remuneration according to the rate of wages for the total hours of work, fixing a day's work as seven hours, but not exceeding one half of the pay for the month ;

(*b*) whether, on account of the publication of Government Gazette on Tuesday, the employees of the Government Press will be able to utilise the holidays on Mondays and Tuesdays, in spite of such holidays being the Christmas, Tiru Onam, Poojaeduppu and His Highness's Birthday ;

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